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HB 1007 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes the storage and dispensing of an opioid antagonist if done without charge or compensation.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the prescribing and dispensing of naloxone or another opioid antagonist to a third party who is not the individual to whom the opioid antagonist will be administered.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further authorizes a person or organization acting pursuant to a standing order issued by a healthcare professional who is authorized to prescribe naloxone or another opioid antagonist to store naloxone or another opioid antagonist if such activities are performed without charge or compensation.

Proposed law authorizes any person to lawfully possess naloxone or another opioid antagonist.

<u>Present law</u> requires a licensed pharmacist to dispense naloxone or another opioid antagonist prescribed, directly or by standing order, by a licensed medical practitioner.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and authorizes a licensed pharmacist to dispense naloxone or another opioid antagonist without a prescription pursuant to rules promulgated by the La. Board of Pharmacy.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:978.2(C)(1) and (D)-(F); Adds R.S. 40:978.2(G) and (H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the original bill:

- 1. Authorize a licensed pharmacist to dispense naloxone or another opioid antagonist without a prescription.
- 2. Make technical changes.